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## OUR SPRINGFIELD BUREAU.

THE EAGLE will maintain a Bureau at Springfield this winter in order to keep its readers well posted on the work of the two branches of the Legislature, as well as on the political situation and the various phases of the Senatorial fight.

## END OF THE "REFORM" CRAZE.

The various farce-comedies which have been filling the public eye and engaging the attention of citizens in general here in Chicago, in the shape of "investigations" of public officials and bodies, are terminating just as was to be expected—in wind.

A species of epidemic in the nature of "investigation" and "reform" appears to have seized upon the public in general, and as a result nobody engaged in the discharge of public duties, and as a consequence drawing sustenance from the public crib, has been free from charges of venality and corruption. Never perhaps in the history of this city has this craze assumed such proportions as during the past few weeks. The city was in the throes of two investigations. One was an inquiry into the condition and methods of the police force; the other was a search after truth in charges preferred against an alderman and involving forty members of the Council. Then there was an investigation of the State's Attorney by the County Board, a grand jury investigation of the State's Attorney, an investigation of the County Board by the grand jury, an investigation of the grand jury by Judge Tukey, and so on, apparently ad infinitum. The thing had grown to be a howling farce, and the people had grown sick of the very word investigation long before the grand jury sat down to consider the charges against State's Attorney Kern. Two or three punctures were last week put into this gaudy bubble, which has floated around through the political atmosphere for some weeks past, and as a result there has been a complete collapse all round. State's Attorney Kern has been honorably acquitted of the charges brought against him. The Powers incident has passed away, and the grand jury will now be enabled to proceed with its ordinary duties. In the City Council the would-be "Lexow" movement has petered out. The investigation of the police department has been taken from the hands of vaunting self-glories and placed in those of the regular committee on police which will handle the subject in question in an ordinarily sensible manner and not with any view to spectacular effect or political gallery plays. If the so-called "Police Commission" and one or two other fads of a similar character could be knocked out now, we would have comparative ease and peace in this town, at least until another epidemic of alleged reform seized upon people. This, however, but very seldom, and from all appearances the worst stages of the present attack are now over.

## MR. HOPKINS' DECLINATION.

The Eagle is sincerely sorry to hear that the Hon. John P. Hopkins desires no renewal of his term of office as Mayor of Chicago, and mourns his retirement from politics as a distinct loss to the Democratic party of Chicago.

The Mayor made the announcement of his retirement from political life, at least temporarily, immediately after his return from a trip to the East for his health.

Mayor Hopkins may have made mistakes in politics—to err is human. He has, however, made one of the best chief executives Chicago has ever had. He has made an earnest and honest effort to fulfill every pledge he made

to the people on the hustings, to stand squarely and loyally on the platform upon which he ran and was elected, and to do his whole duty by all the people according to his lights.

He has been criticized and unfairly attacked by a hostile press. No mayor of Chicago in many years has ever escaped from the unreasoning criticism and the shafts of careless calumny of the daily press. Mr. Hopkins has been in the main misrepresented. He has done much to bring to full fruition many reforms hitherto much talked of but never before brought into the region of practical realization. He has given an economical administration. The pay rolls have been kept down to the level of the appropriations and the interests of the tax-payers have not been subordinated to the emergencies of party or of politicians. The record of his brief term as mayor will be in the future something of which John P. Hopkins and his kith and kin can be proud.

When he steps down and out the Democratic party will bid farewell respectfully to one of the ablest, shrewdest and most earnest leaders it has ever had in this city.

Later the whole people will do him and his administration full justice.

## THE EBBING TIDE.

It is said among Republican politicians that the friends and supporters of George B. Swift are beginning to grow anxious over the prospects of their candidate for the Mayoralty, and to fear, as the days go by, that the little West Side statesman has not such a sure thing of it after all in the race for the nomination.

The withdrawal of Alderman Madden was a master stroke on the part of that gentleman, and has made of him the biggest man in the Republican party of Cook County. It apparently also left a free field for George B. Swift. At that time there was a flood in the tide of the latter's political affairs, but somehow since then the ebb has set in, and George B. Swift's political bark has not yet been launched. West Side Republicans say that instead of holding his sails and catching the full effect of the breeze of popular favor then blowing so strongly in his direction, Mr. Swift and friends settled down into a comfortable snooze, which they proposed should last until the nominating convention in the spring at least.

The line and cry about the Swift-Hopkins election contest was dropped, County Judge Carter seemed to have lost all interest in the matter. He no longer appeared to consider the "bill of review" of any importance whatever. The cut bait-box episode was dropped like a hot potato, and in a general way Mr. Swift and his friends seemed to have arrived at the conclusion that there was no longer any reason to howl about the "stolen mayoralty."

The people have not failed to notice all this. It is no easy task to fool all the people all of the time. President Lincoln used to say it was impossible. Mr. Swift and his friends found it convenient to cry fraud at Mayor Hopkins so long as Martin B. Madden was a formidable candidate for the Mayoralty nomination. Now it would seem their only fear is that a recount of the ballots may be had before the Republican city convention. "What if a recount should show that Swift was not elected after all?" they say to each other. This thought is the one that has operated to delay the proceedings in the Swift-Hopkins contest. It is the one that makes the friends of Mr. Swift anxious and exceedingly desirous of an early convention.

It is natural that there should be a feeling of uneasiness among them, and that they should gaze with dark forebodings upon the ebbing tide.

## HUMILIATING GOOD POLICEMEN.

In defiance of the order of the City Council the police force of Chicago have been put through the inconvenience and humiliation of an examination in the high schools.

They have been compelled to answer questions in arithmetic, grammar and so forth, but to what purpose no one knows.

The police commission has had its way so far, but there are indications that the time had come for this quasi-official body to go away. Inspector Schenck is authority for the statement that some of the best, bravest and most capable members of the force may fall to pass this examination, while on the other hand some of the most inefficient officers in the department will come through with a high percentage.

The question now is, will the commission dare to discharge men who have risked their lives in the defense of the lives and property of others, who have run down and captured criminals and whose record for sobriety and attention to duty are flawless, because for some reason they may have been unable to answer questions in long division?

If they attempt any such proceeding there will be another protest from the people of Chicago through their elected representatives, and next time the police commission will harken to the cry.

## MR. POWERS' EXONERATION.

Ald. John Powers has been exonerated by the Grand Jury of the charges brought against him by a morning contemporary. While The Eagle has nothing but respect for the great newspaper which made this fight upon the Alderman from the Nineteenth Ward, it must enter its protest against the methods adopted by it in this case.

The carefree reporter, in a disgrace to the profession. Some good fellows have been induced to adopt these methods in the past, and no doubt will in the future, but they have invariably been ashamed of their connection with such proceedings when afforded time to calmly survey their own actions.

In this case the evidence was not sufficient to connect Mr. Powers with the offense of which he was charged.

The concealed stenographer, who noted the conversation in which Mr. Powers was supposed to be one of the principal participants, could not see either of the two parties to the same. He had to depend upon the sound of voices to guide him as to the men mak-

ing statements. He admitted he did not know Mr. Powers and had never met him or heard his voice. How could he then swear to what Powers did or did not say on the occasion in question? Besides, the concealed stenographer admitted he took his notes in the dark. Such dark lantern methods as this are not in line with truth, justice or honor, and they invariably bring with them their own punishment.

In this case the Grand Jury found a no bill, and the stenographer added nothing to his reputation for ability, fearlessness or accuracy.

## WHAT WILL THE CIVIC FEDERATION DO?

The Civic Federation is said to be girding up its loins for the next mayoralty contest, and there is a well-defined belief that a citizen's candidate bearing the imprimatur of the Civic Federation will be in the field election day.

This is not cheering news for our friends the Republicans. It is said the allied forces of high grade morality will not favor, endorse or support any candidate of either party of the machine variety. There does not appear to be much prospect for the Republicans to have any other than a machine candidate. Certainly Mr. Swift belongs to that category. As for the Democrats, they will put a candidate of their own in the field whom they believe in as a man worthy of the people's support, and altogether regardless of what the Civic Federation may or may not do.

With unity in the party ranks the Republicans, doubtless, could win next spring. With division, distrust, and three candidates in the field, the issue will be in doubt.

## REAL ESTATE BOARD TICKETS.

Candidates to Be Voted For at the Annual Election Next Wednesday.

As has been repeatedly stated, the coming election for officers of the real estate board will be hotly contested. No sooner had the nominating committee reported the regular ticket at Wednesday's regular monthly meeting than E. A. Cummings arose and moved that steps be taken to place an opposition ticket in the field. This was carried by an overwhelming majority, and after the business had been disposed of every one of the fifty odd members that participated in the proceedings remained and formed part of the committee of the whole, over which E. A. Cummings presided, while W. J. Gallup acted as secretary. It was plain that Dunlap Smith was the almost unanimous choice for president, and so it turned out after George Birkhoff, Geo. L. Warner, C. H. Mulliken, James W. Hedenberg and E. W. Zander, as nominating committee for the opposition, had finished their task. The two tickets are:

## REGULAR TICKET. OPPOSITE TICKET

For President.  
Joseph Donnerstag-Dunlap Smith.  
For Vice President.  
Silas M. Moore, Silas M. Moore.  
For Secretary.  
William H. Catruff-S. W. Cannel.  
For Treasurer.  
Henry G. Foreman, William O. Green.  
Executive Committee.  
Frank A. Barnes, Frank A. Barnes,  
Edward W. Zander, Edward W. Zander,  
Dunlap Smith, Willis G. Jackson.

Membership Committee.  
Charles B. Rice, L. A. Seeburger,  
Walter C. Gunn, E. D. Wheeler,  
James F. McCabe, Robert F. Walker,  
William F. Lohrke, C. L. Lohrke,  
S. W. Cannel, F. W. Peck, Jr.,  
Robert C. Butzow, D. S. Dietrich,  
Fred E. Eldred, Walter C. Gunn,  
Benjamin F. Ray, Frank Wells,  
Frank A. Henshaw, Frank A. Henshaw.

Reference Committee.  
Charles L. Honney, J. L. Cochran,  
M. E. Greenbaum, M. A. Farr,  
Josiah L. Lombard, Josiah L. Lombard.  
Valuation Committee.  
B. A. Fossenden, George Birkhoff,  
J. H. Van Vliet, C. H. Mulliken,  
Robert F. Walker, R. A. Fossenden,  
Henry A. Knott, Henry A. Knott,  
John B. Knight, John B. Knight.

Call Board Committee.  
John H. Curtis, Horace E. Harburt,  
O. W. Crawford, Walter H. Wilson,  
Eugene Bourgeois, Robert C. Butzow,  
Horace E. Harburt, J. P. Mallet,  
William Coffeen, William Coffeen.

Public Service Committee.  
Edgar M. Snow, Edgar M. Snow,  
L. J. Swift, A. E. G. Goodridge,  
A. E. G. Goodridge, James W. Hedenberg,  
C. H. Mulliken, W. W. Babin,  
D. M. Keshish, William F. Thompson,  
C. C. Vierling, B. R. De Young,  
C. L. Hammond, C. L. Hammond.

Polls will be open next Wednesday from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m., and Byron A. Baldwin, A. E. G. Goodridge and C. W. Lutz will act as tellers.

## REGARDING BUSINESS DURING 1894

Mr. J. L. Cochran says: "In Edge-water sales the year was remarkably good, and house-building kept step with real estate transactions. Building loans were brisk and of a character indicating a higher grade of improvements than in any previous year. With the development of the North Shore electric road and actual work in progress on the Northwestern 'L,' it is but fair to predict a satisfactory volume of business in north shore property for '95. Collections have been very good during the year and continue to be so. In short, what seems to be the essential requisite for material progress is the restoration of general confidence more than anything else. At that desirable point we are now arriving."

S. E. Gross—While business has not been so active throughout the year as we might have wished it to have been, still by pushing matters we have been able to run our regular excursions without any interruption, and have made it pay to do so. There has not been a week during the entire year in which our business has not paid its running expenses, and also a fair margin of profit. I have not yet made any comparison with the business of 1893, but I am inclined to think that we will fall somewhat behind it, for the reason that in the beginning of the fall of that year I placed a new subdivision on the market and by the close of the year two-thirds of that subdivision had been sold out. About Sept. 1 last we noticed a considerable increase in our sales. They grew larger steadily until the first week in October, and from that time up to the present, business has firmly held its own. I do not know of a real estate man in Chicago who does not expect a marked increase in activity on

the opening of spring trade. Nobody is looking for a boom, and nobody appears to want one, but there is a general expectation that we will have a good, healthy, active market. The only reason I can give for my business continuing active during the year while that of many others languished is that I kept on advertising and pushing things. Other men stopped advertising almost entirely. They ran no excursions and appeared to take it for granted that no business could be done. I kept on working, advertising and running excursions, and, as I have said, not a week passed in the whole year that I did not do from a fair to a satisfactory business.

## WEEKS-JAMES.

Large Wedding Solemnized on Sheridan Road.

A large and fashionable wedding was solemnized on Thursday evening, Dec. 27, at 7 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. James, No. 1635 Sheridan road.

The contracting parties were their daughter, Miss Bertha Whitney James, and Mr. Gilbert Mercey Weeks.

There was a very large attendance of relatives and friends, both from Evanston and Chicago. The decorations were appropriate to the occasion, and included palms, lolly and roses.

After a bridal tour Mr. and Mrs. Weeks will hold two receptions, one Thursday, Feb. 7, at No. 1635 Sheridan road, and the other Thursday, Feb. 21, at 508 Congress street, the hours on both occasions being from 4 to 6 and from 8 to 10 o'clock.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

Mayor Hopkins, Commissioner McCarthy, of the Health Department, City Auditor Burke and Supt. Crossette, of the Water Department, held a conference Wednesday to discuss the work of the departments for the remainder of the fiscal year. The remainder of the appropriations for the year was discussed, and it was decided to get along until the next appropriation is made without reducing the force in any of the bureaus or departments.

A new engine company was put into the service of the city fire department Wednesday, to be known as Engine Company No. 78. The company takes the place of old Hose Company No. 4, which was located at Waveland avenue and Stella street, in Lake View. The reorganization was effected New Year's eve and the company is now composed of the following named men and officers: Captain, George B. Miller; lieutenant, Henry F. Wendt; engineer, Charles Kilgallen; assistant engineer, John F. Nelson; pipeman, Thomas Ehret; driver, Frank J. Summers.

W. B. Kalskern was appointed this week as the general passenger and ticket agent of the Northwestern road. Mr. Kalskern will succeed W. A. Thrall.

The new agent is a well-known and able railroad man. For three years he has eternally had charge of the passenger business of the Northwestern, as Mr. Thrall has devoted his time to the ticket department. W. B. Kalskern came to Chicago in 1879 and held a position with the Illinois Central. Later he went to the Northwestern, leaving that road for a position of trust on the New Orleans, Jackson and Northern Road, and also on the Louisville and Nashville. In 1885 he returned to the Northwestern, where he has since remained.

Representative John Meyer, of Chicago, will go to Springfield next Sunday. He will be accompanied by from a dozen to a score of the Cook County members of the Legislature, who are going to Springfield to personally help forward the candidacy of Mr. Meyer for Speaker of the House. This boom will be strong and is the result of the good-fellowship which exists among the Cook County members and the strong feeling here for John Meyer. His friends claim that his election as Speaker is more than probable, and they go to help him in every proper and fitting manner to secure this high and honorable office. Many of his friends believe he will be nominated on the first ballot, and they add that the Cook County delegation will be substantially solid for him. His prospects, his intimate advisers believe, are most encouraging for strong support from the State at large.

Will there be an early Senatorial caucus at Springfield?

Yes, if Uncle Shelby M. Cullom has his way.

No, if the Cook County members and those from other parts of the State know their own business.

The Legislature meets Wednesday, Jan. 9. The election of a Senator doesn't come till a couple of weeks later, and it has not been the practice to hold the Senatorial caucuses till a night or two before the time for the General Assembly to elect the Senator. In the present condition of affairs political, however, there is more danger to Senator Cullom in delay than to any other candidate, and his managers want him nominated before the disappointments over the organization of the House and Senate in the shape of committee assignments have a chance to break out.

The Senator's presence in Illinois this week is likely to add some new elements to the situation, but in the face of the combined opposition it will be a ticklish thing to seek to force an early caucus. The candidates for Speaker of the House—White of Whiteside, John Meyer of Cook, Needles of Washington, and half a dozen others—if they know their own interests, don't want the Senatorship mixed up with the Speaker'ship. They know that Cullom's lieutenant can't be promising aid to every Speaker'ship candidate without some-boddy—several bodies, in fact—being fooled, and they would prefer to have their fight out free from Senatorial complications. Then they will know whether Cullomites really have been neutral or whether he has mortgaged all the committee chairmanships two or three times over in return for support in the Senatorial caucus.

Cook County candidates are waking up to the necessity of organization. Senator Cullom was good enough to say in Washington that the only opponent he feared was ex-Congressman William

E. Mason. Mr. Mason appreciates the compliment. He says he doesn't fear Cullom, but is willing to admit that the Senator may have two or three dozen votes. However, Mr. Mason thinks that Commander-in-Chief John H. Tanner, of the Cullom forces, is the boss bluffer, and he isn't sure that there are really any more than a dozen Cullom votes in the Legislature. His own followers are beginning to line up and make their declarations, and the count is satisfactory.

Supporters of Mr. George S. Willetts have been doing some missionary work in the interior of the State, and they say the outcome is very gratifying. They have determined on an aggressive campaign in his behalf, and with the backing of the commercial and business element of Chicago they believe he will develop into a formidable candidate on whom Cook County can ultimately unite. They are setting forth with much force the mistake Chicago would make in leaving the Senatorship to be involved in presidential and gubernatorial complications two years from now.

It is worth noting that the cold snap hasn't driven editor Medill off to Florida. No one is mistaken about his earnest purpose to defeat Cullom's re-election, and for that reason the weather and Mr. Medill's health are interchangeable topics of conversation among the local politicians. Alderman Madden recently reaffirmed his confidence in the ultimate success of Mr. Medill, and Dr. Jamieson declared that the veteran editor would win, as reports from the country are growing more favorable, while Senator Cullom was making no gains.

As a matter of fact, the friends of Mr. Medill think they can beat Cullom, but they realize that the battle will not be won with that skirmish, as they will still have to beat the field. The reason for that anxiety is the belief that Cullom and his friends in the General Assembly, whose votes in the Senate he can absolutely control, would rather be beaten, if beaten they must be, by any one than Mr. Medill. If Cullom cannot win and there should be a third man in the race to whom these votes can be thrown, they will be more likely to go to him than to Medill, who has made a red-hot fight, not only against Cullom but against his supporters. Mr. Mason will have a large following in the Legislature, and as his fight against Cullom has not been a bitter one, he has reason to expect to be the residuary legatee of the Cullom strength in the event that Cullom does not win.

## THEATRICAL.

Manager William J. Davis, of the Columbia Theater, gave a delightful and informal dinner Wednesday afternoon at the Great Northern. Mr. Davis' guests were: Lyman J. Glover, W. T. Hall, Barret Eastman, Hepburn Johns, Thomas McCutcheon, and George Ade. After dinner the company were charmingly entertained by Captain A. A. Donnie, whose parlor prestidigitation and wonderful manipulation of cards have made him a favorite local entertainer.

There will be two first parts to the industrial performance given by Primrose and West's companies at the Chicago Opera House next Sunday night and for the succeeding eight performances. The company is a double one, consisting of forty whites and thirty blacks. The colored singers will appear in the first part, interpreting minstrelsy of past days. The white artists will give the second first part, illustrating minstrelsy of the present.

On next Sunday evening Eugene Tompkins' production of "The Black Crook" will again make its appearance at McVicker's Theater. The spectacle will be mounted in magnificent style, and placed upon the stage with a large company and with many new features. The two companies of last season have been combined, making one of the strongest, largest, and best spectacular organizations that have ever traveled. Everything is on a larger and grander scale than it was during its run at McVicker's summer before last. The Athos family of acrobats, who were engaged in Europe especially for this production, are said to be excellent.

The revival of "The Highest Bidder" by Mr. E. H. Sothern at Hooley's Theater has proven highly satisfactory, crowded houses being the rule. Tonight and for the balance of the week, including Saturday matinee, the bill will be changed to "Lord Chumley." On Monday night Mr. Sothern will begin his third and last week, presenting an entire novelty in his new play, "A Way to Win a Woman," his latest New York success, by Jerome K. Jerome. The reports from New York and Boston commend the manner in which Mr. Sothern has presented the central character, which is rather more serious in its tendency than any he has previously offered. "A Way to Win a Woman" will be given for the entire week, including Wednesday and Saturday matinees.

Wednesday afternoon just before the matinee Manager Thomas W. Prior was made the recipient of a beautiful jeweled locket, as a testimonial of their regard, from the attaches of all departments of the Schiller Theater. A few minutes before the curtain was rung up Mr. Prior was instantly summoned from his office to the stage, where he found Mr. Frederick Warde, of the Warde-James company, surrounded by representatives of the various departments of the theater awaiting him. Mr. Warde made the presentation.

Chicago theatergoers will be enabled to pass judgment upon a new dramatization of one of Richard Harding Davis' short stories next week. It is "Her First Appearance," renamed "The Littlest Girl," in its stage version. The dramatization was made by Robert Hilliard, who will use it as a curtain-raiser preceding "The Nominee" at the Haymarket Theater next week.

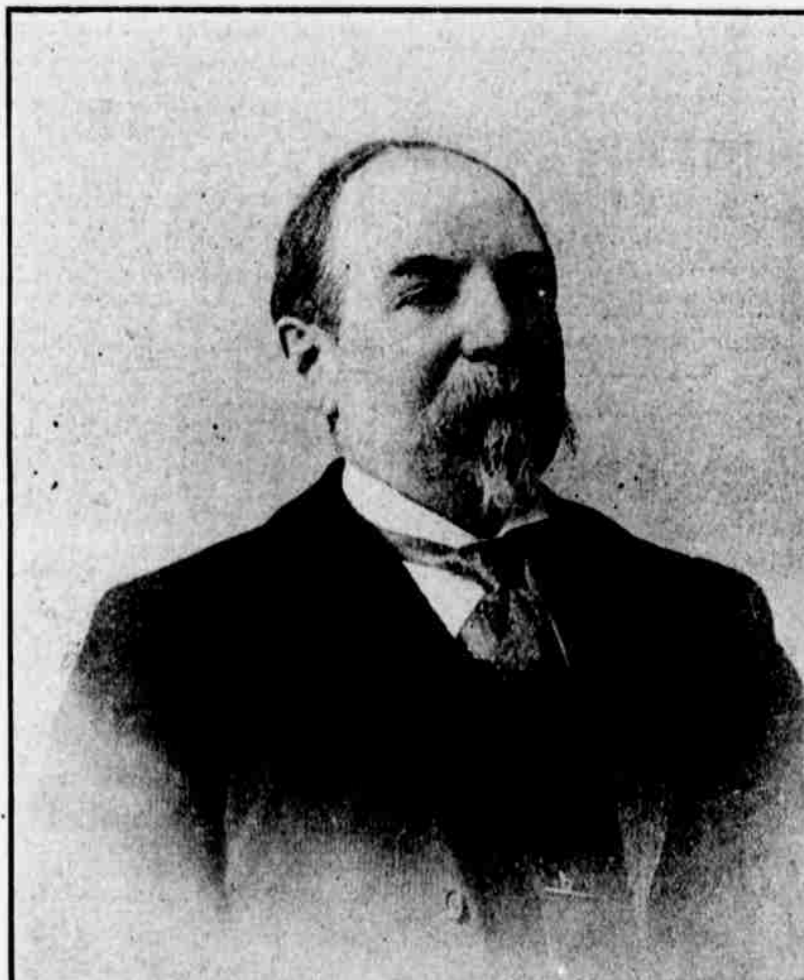
Col. Robert G. Ingersoll will deliver a new lecture at the Columbia Theater Sunday afternoon. Its subject is "Which Way," which suggests that he is back again at his old complaint against religion. The sale of seats has already begun.

A precocious child dancer whose name appears on the bills as "Little Ruby" has been added to the company presenting "On the Mississippi," at McVicker's. She appears among the specialties in the fourth act.



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